

REMARKS

This amendment is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.114 and associated fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e), a petition to withdraw the application from Issue under 37 C.F.R. 1.313(c) and associated fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h), a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for the benefit of a prior provisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(6), and an Information Disclosure Statement. The present application was not recognized as claiming the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/245,101 filed Nov. 1, 2000. Thus, Applicant amends the specification as indicated above to include a claim to the benefit of the '101 provisional application.

Claims 1, 3-9, 11, 12, 14-21, 23-25, 28-31, 33, 35-41, 43-49, 51, 53-66, 69-78, 80-90, 92-93, and 95-113 stand in the application. Claims 1, 33, 63, 65, 66, 78, 102, and 108 are in independent form. All claims were previously allowed for patent issue. Applicant has made minor changes to correct for typographical errors and improve claim terminology consistency.

Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

CONCLUSION

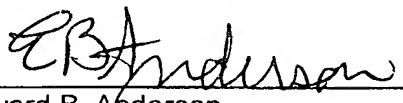
Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 3-9, 11, 12, 14-21, 23-25, 28-31, 33, 35-41, 43-49, 51, 53-66, 69-78, 80-90, 92-93, and 95-113 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if it appears that an additional interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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